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CHURCH OF ENGLAND-DIOCESAN CONFERENCE.

HOW TO MAKE THE DISCUSSIONS MORE INTERESTING.

How to make more useful the annual discussions of the Church of England Diocesan Conference was the question which exercised several members during the proceedings, yesterday, and the Rev. W. T. Featherstone gave public expression to the dissatisfaction generally felt. As happened last year, the greater part of the time between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. was occupied in listening to discursive "reports on Church activity," generally delivered extempore and without much preparation, frequently consisting of matter already published and most of it of minor interest or even dull to the point of boredom.

After about two hours of it, Mr. Featherstone made his protest. Why, he asked, could not these reports be circulated beforehand and taken as read, and the Conference devote itself to discussing some of the pressing problems of the day, such as the question of Church attendance, Modernism in the Church, the encouragement of the theological Faculty at the University, local conditions of Church work, or some other questions of importance?

In this the speaker was heartily supported, *sotto voce*, by the reporters, who had to try and weave interesting reading matter out of such unpromising material as "The climate has again affected the organs." The Sunday services are not as well attended as could be desired or "The white ants have returned to the attack on the Church roof." Some of the matters discussed by the Conference are reported below, but condensation and omission, it is hoped, have spared the reader much weariness.

THE PASTORAL STAFF.

At the outset, the Rev. J. T. HOLMAN, on behalf of 25 subscribers, presented to the Bishop a pastoral staff for the use of the Bishops of the Diocese and a signet ring as a more personal gift. The latter gift was accompanied by an insurance policy for two years.

The Bishop, in acknowledgment, expressed the hope that the pastoral staff would ever remind him that he was called to bear on high, in a world of sense and time, the everlasting and most holy name; and that the ring would help to keep in his mind the charge delivered at his consecration.

ADDRESS BY THE BISHOP.

The Bishop of Victoria then delivered a presidential address. He remarked that it seemed evident that the Church here would always have to minister to a very migratory, Colonial population. People and clergy were both likely to be migratory. This increased the difficulties of work, especially in the direction of building up a corporate Church life. To do their work aright they needed to maintain a life of membership with one another, to forge every link possible with the Church at home and to enter into the fullest possible fellowship with the developing life of the *Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui*—the Chinese Church.

In the very nature of things this Chinese work must advance more and more, while the Colonial work must always be numerically small, but of intense importance, because according to its strength or weakness Christianity tended to be judged. He looked forward to a day when, over this vast geographic area, there would be many Chinese Bishops. The Bishop passed on to a review of Colonial work. He briefly related the history of the churches in Hongkong; as of Christ Church, Shamen, and the Church at Macao. As to the latter he remarked that the direct result of last year's Conference was the rebuilding of the broken-down Church, and putting the graveyard into thorough order. They owed much, both to the anonymous donor who made the rebuilding of the Church possible, and to Lieut. Colonel Hay, B.E.S.O., for his untiring energy.

The Bishop next told the history of two pieces of educational work for which, as a Colonial Church, they were responsible—the Diocesan Boys' and Girls' Schools. Another important side of their work, he said, was the work of the Missions to Seamen. The story of the Colony had been bound up with that of the men of the Merchant Service; and it would be encouraging to all to hear of the progress that Mr. Waldegrave was able to report. The Diocese owed a great debt, which reached back over many years, not only to the Chaplain, but also to the lay-members of both the naval

and military services. To give just one illustration, they would miss in Church life here the help given by Commodore and Mrs. Bowden Smith. In every possible way they had identified themselves with the social and religious life of the place.

The Bishop also reviewed Chinese work; and spoke, particularly, of the consecration of the Church of Our Saviour at Canton. For the building of this Church they owed a special debt of gratitude to Archdeacon Barnett, and to the Rev. Mok Shan Tang. Before the General Synod of the Church of China visited this Diocese in 1921, he would like to see some building worthy of the Church erected in the Chinese compound in which the meetings of the Synod could be held, and which afterwards might be used with the greatest possible advantage for general Church purposes.

At the third triennial meeting of the Diocesan Synod, held recently in Canton from February 7th to 8th, he believed that really important work was done, which may leave its mark on Church life for many years to come. One important step forward was the appointment of a Finance Board to centralize the finances of the Chinese Church, and to consider such subjects as provision for the ministry, pension schemes and so forth.

The Bishop made an appeal for the liberal backing by all Church people of the Church Missionary Association. Missionary Societies at home were in a very difficult position owing to enhanced cost of living and general financial unsettlement. The Society in London had asked whether, in view of this stringency, they could counsel the C.M.S. withdrawing from Pakhoi, Lienshow or Nanning. Work in Pakhoi was started as long ago as 1878; Nanning was the capital of the Kwangsi Province, and the one city in all southern Kwangsi where the Anglican Church had any work. "I think," commented the Bishop, "that to withdraw would be little less than disaster."

I know there are great financial difficulties out here at the present time, but in spite of everything I do not think this withdrawal need be carried out. There has always been the closest connection between the Colonial and the Missionary work. I hope that the link which has always existed between the Colonial and Chinese work may enable us to meet this present difficulty.

After referring to the work of the Victoria Diocesan Association at home, the Bishop mentioned that the number of these confirmed in this Diocese in 1921 was 329; all except 43 of these were confirmed in churches of the *Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui*.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

The Cathedral Chaplain (the Rev. H. Copley Moyle) gave an account of work at the Cathedral during the year, but, as he remarked, the ground "was adequately covered by the reports of the annual meeting of vestry holders held recently. He mentioned that, in spite of work done during the year upon the Cathedral roof, white ants had renewed their activities, but it was hoped that action taken had dealt with the nuisance.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KOWLOON.

The Rev. G. R. LINDSAY reported a successful year at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. He remarked that, thanks to the munificence of Sir Paul Chater, the Church was in a satisfactory financial position. They were glad to note that this generosity had not stifled the willingness of the congregation to contribute towards church work. On the contrary, collections had greatly improved, both for local work and outside objects. "Unfortunately," said Mr. Lindsay, "few rents are still in vogue but we hope that a system of free-will offerings will soon be adopted." The men's Society had been active and the Sunday School had been re-organized on the graded system with great success. The rapid expansion of Kowloon and the great growth of the population brought about urgent church problems; the work was a most getting-out-of-hand and an additional clergyman was being appointed.

EUROPEAN GRAVES AT WHAMPOA.

Archdeacon BARNETT and the Rev. C. I. BLANCHETT spoke on church work in Canton. Mr. Blanchett remarked that the Church life of the British community there had an important influence on the life of the city. The Shamen was like a city on a hill; the whole population looked to it for light and leading.

Mr. A. HORSON asked the Conference to interest itself in the condition of European graves at Whampoa. A sum of \$2,000 was needed to put the graves in order.

The Bishop thought the matter ought to interest the military authorities but Mr. Horson said he did not think any funds would be forthcoming. The military authorities thought that the expense should fall on the Canton residents, chiefly.

The Rev. W. T. FEATHERSTONE mentioned European graves at Swatow which also needed renovation and the Rev. G. T. WALDEGRAVE spoke of others on the Island of Lintin. As to many of the graves were of members of the merchant service, he thought he could promise that the Committee of the Missions to Seamen would contribute, both to present renovation and to a permanent maintenance fund.

Mr. Horson gave the following particulars of the graves at Whampoa: East India Company graves, 59; other merchant service men, 44; naval, 16; military, 2; Indian Civil Service, 1.

Archdeacon BARNETT remarked that there were American graves as well; the first American Minister to China was buried there.

It was agreed that the Canton representatives to the Conference should form a committee to go into the question.

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

The Rev. W. T. FEATHERSTONE presented a report on this school and particularly as to the re-building scheme. He mentioned that a sum of \$320,000 was in hand and with \$50,000 more raised, out of \$125,000 required, he thought a start could be made with building. The Government had granted an addition to the new site at Yaumatei of 3½ acres for an extension of the playground. The boys were doing well in helping to raise funds, and Mr. Featherstone urged the Conference to support the appeal for funds. Let the Church lead the way in education and give of its best to a cause which would influence not only Hongkong but the vast territory of China beyond.

DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Rev. G. R. LINDSAY, as hon. secretary of the Diocesan Girls' School, presented a report as to that institution and his remark that the school was suffering from shortage of accommodation drew from Mr. Featherstone the remark that it was another instance of the amazing lack of foresight in educational affairs in the Colony that a school, built as recently as 1914, should have had to be extended once and needed extension again.

Dr. SANDERS observed that when these schools were built there was not the interest in education there was to-day.

MISSIONS TO SEAMEN.

The Rev. G. T. WALDEGRAVE gave an account of the work of the Missions to Seamen. He mentioned the regret felt by all connected with the Mission at the death of Mr. W. G. Lay, who was a great friend to seamen. They extended deep sympathy to Mrs. Lay. Mr. Waldegrave also spoke of the debt the Mission owed to Capt. E. R. G. R. Evans, D.S.O., for the handsome contributions received by reason of his devoting the proceeds of his lectures to Mission funds. Mr. Waldegrave gave some surprisingly large figures in an account of visits paid to ships, and services and social gatherings held. A branch was being opened in Shanghai, forming one more link in the chain of stations round the world. Reports on the work amongst Navy and Army were presented by the Rev. A. ROBINSON, R.N., and the Rev. M. W. SHWELL, C.F.

THE CHINESE CHURCH.

Archdeacon BARNETT presented an interesting report on the work of the Church of China. Archdeacon Barnett summed up the position in regard to relations with the C.M.S. in the phrase, "The Church increases; the Society decreases." "Keenness and sober confidence; energy, enterprise and faith; growth, strong and steadily increasing" were some of the qualities which the Archdeacon attributed to the Chinese Church, in an eloquent report which pressed upon space prevents giving in full.

A message having been received during the proceedings from the Chinese Church, it was decided to send a reply expressing sympathy and appreciation with that Church in the steps it had taken towards better organization, and hoping that the result would be strong and steady advance.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Archdeacon BARNETT presented the report of the local branch of the C.M.S. He mentioned a proposal by the authorities of that organization at home to make a 20 per cent. cut in expenditure

in consequence of lack of support at the present time. It looked as though the C.M.S. would have to withdraw from Nanning. Archdeacon Barnett spoke strongly against this and asked the Conference to support the Bishop in any endeavour to continue the work.

It was objected that this would only be a pious resolution and, after discussion, it was decided to refer the question to the Standing Committee.

LOCAL CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Conference next considered a matter, referred to the Standing Committee last year, as to the St. Peter's Church site in relation to a proposal to ask the Government for a site in the eastern part of Victoria for a church and other buildings. Mr. FEATHERSTONE moved that an eastern site be sought, on the distinct understanding that it was not an alternative to a church in West Point. He suggested that a church would be required on the Morrison Hill site when cleared. Dr. SANDERS seconded. Dr. EARLE thought this was a question which should be worked out in detail, as to probable needs of the population, and so on, by the Standing Committee, before the Government was approached. The Rev. H. COPLE MOYLE said the Committee had considered it. It was understood that the site would be largely occupied by flats for Europeans; there was also much other building in Happy Valley. Mr. CROLE-RICE said that provision was required by naval folk resident in that district and the Bishop spoke in favour of a temporary building until the development of the district was more clearly discernible. The need for provision of a Church further east than Happy Valley was also mentioned.

The question was referred to the Committee to go into details.

The question of St. Peter's was then further discussed. Dr. EARLE pointed out that 300 people attended the Church; also, in view of the proximity of the University, it was important to maintain a Church with services in English—the one language common to the students. Dr. EARLE remarked that the services at St. Stephen's were conducted in Cantonese but students from North China and from the Straits did not understand that dialect. They all, however, passed an examination in English as a condition of admission to the University. The Rev. C. B. SHAAN mentioned that St. John's Hall was considering the building of a chapel there. A resolution was carried referring it to the Committee, in view of the importance of the work of St. Peter's, to consider what steps should be taken to strengthen its position.

Mr. M. E. F. AIREY moved a resolution that the Conference, realising that the present accommodation of the Diocesan Boys' School was inadequate, for a school of such standing, heartily endorsed the appeal being made for funds.

Archdeacon Barnett seconded and the resolution was carried.

NEW STANDING COMMITTEE.

The last item on the agenda was the passing of the following resolution:—

That the Standing Committee shall consist of the Bishop and Archdeacon of Hongkong as *ex-officio* members, together with the Senior Chaplain, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, the Revs. C. I. Blanchett, W. T. Featherstone, G. T. Lindsay, A. J. S. Stearn and G. T. Waldegrave, Lieut.-Col. J. Hayley Bell, D. H. Earle, Brig.-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten, Mr. R. Packham, Mr. W. L. Patten, Mr. E. A. Stanton, Mrs. Dowbiggin, Mr. Knight, Mrs. Severn, and Mrs. Smalley; with power to co-opt other members.

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THE CHINESE SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF SHIPOWNERS' COMMITTEE.

Following is a copy of the Report made to H.E. the Governor by Mr. R. Sutherland, Chairman of the Committee which conducted the Strike negotiations on behalf of the Shipowners:

Hongkong, 14th March, 1922.

Your Excellency, I have now the honour to submit a Preliminary Report on the settlement arrived at with the Delegates of the Seamen's Union in connection with the recent strike. A resume of the Government negotiations was contained in the Gazette of the 11th instant and the object of this communication is to set forth the settlement from the Shipowners' point of view in conjunction with the Government communication just referred to. A full and detailed report of the Shipowners' negotiations will be submitted to you as soon as possible, but I consider the subject matter contained in this Preliminary Statement will be of general interest.

Certain points in the Shipowners' negotiations apart from the question of wages were touched upon in the official Gazette and it now remains to submit to you the signed preliminary Agreement referred to in the Government record of proceedings. The document which is attached reads as follows:

It is hereby agreed between the undersigned parties that the following are the terms of settlement on the matters in dispute between them:

1.—The scale of wages paid at Hongkong and in force on 12th day of January, 1922, shall be increased as follows and shall apply as from the 1st January, 1922.

	Per Cent.
1.—Chinese River Steamers	30
2.—Other Chinese Steamers up to 1,000 tons dead-weight	30
3.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	20
4.—Other British Companies' River steamers taking the scale of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat S.B. Co., Ltd. as a basis	20
5.—Coasting Steamers	20
6.—Java Lines	15
7.—Pacific Lines	15
8.—European Lines	15
9.—Australian Lines	15

2.—A date will be fixed for the general return to work. From the time of leaving until such date, men will receive half pay according to the new scale. Men may be re-instated on any of their own Company's vessels or such vessels as may be mutually agreed upon. If positions are not available for men ready to return to work as above, it is agreed that half pay shall continue for such period as the men are not employed but not exceeding five and a half (5½) months from the date of the general return to work. This half pay will be administered from a Fund under the control of a duly appointed Administrator.

3.—The Owners agree to assist in inaugurating a system of engaging crews which will minimise as far as possible any irregularities which may exist in connection with the pay of seamen.

Signed at Hongkong this 14th day of March, one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-one.

(Signed) R. SUTHERLAND,
Chairman, Shipowners' Committee.

J. W. JAMIESON,
H.B.M. Consul-General at Canton.

CHUI HON KE,
(Chinese Chop.)

LO TERN MA,
(Chinese Chop.)

LUK KING FO,
Secretary to Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, Canton.

The Agreement as above was arrived at after some two months of negotiation. To those not intimately connected with the subject it will require explanatory remarks. I would therefore beg leave to comment as follows:

Clause 1.—This sets forth the scale of wages agreed. For your information I would say that in order to give the exact effect of the strike as affecting shipping, I requested Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews to draw up a statement on the settlement made, and I attach same hereto. The figures submitted were arrived at by the Chartered Accountants from data obtained directly from the Steamship Companies concerned, and in my opinion represent as accurately as possible the margin of compromise between Owners and Seamen's Representatives.

It will be noted that while generous concessions have been made in respect of Chinese-owned steamers, the Seamen's Delegates have met the position very fully as regards other lines. The preliminary difficulty in negotiations was that the Union demanded a flat percentage of increase to be effective over all lines, notwithstanding that some Shipping Companies, comparatively recently, had voluntarily given an increase of some 15/25 per cent. to meet the higher cost of living. It was on this point that it became apparent at the outset that difficulties were almost sure to arise between the Union and the owners. It will be found, therefore, that as regards Companies who had not raised the scale of wages for a series of years, the Seamen's demands have been met to a considerable extent and it was the general opinion of the Shipping Companies I have had the honour to represent that substantial concessions should be made by such lines. It is with pleasure I have to record that the Chinese owners were among the first to acquiesce in the suggestion put forth that this immediate increase should be made.

It will be noted that the Shipping Companies have been formed into groups, and negotiations eventually progressed upon a basis of percentages for various lines. The result has been that where low pay was in evidence the owners were willing to concede generous terms and although the original Seamen's demand in this particular respect is for an increase of 40 per cent. it will be seen that they eventually accepted 30 per cent. In "coastal distinction" it must be pointed out that in the case of the higher paid services, such as European and Pacific lines, the original demands called for between 30/40 per cent. increase and the settlement resulted in the men accepting 20 per cent. and 15 per cent. The attached schedule of percentage speaks for itself and I consider represents a correct and impartial resume of the Agreement arrived at.

Dr. Jamieson's attitude at the time he entered the negotiations until the final settlement of dispute was, that he would not be a party to anything unless it was fair to both sides, and while the general commercial problem was becoming daily more difficult, I give it as my opinion, shipowners, in making such concessions as they have done, were not unduly influenced by anything other than the grave commercial hold up and of the hardship entailed on those entirely disinterested in points of disagreement between the Union and shipowners.

I give this opinion with all due reserve but feel that my remarks are in line with the general views of shipowners.

Clause 2.—It will be noted that it has been agreed men will receive half pay from such time as they left their vessels until their return. That they may be re-instated to

(a)—Their own Company's vessels.
(b)—Other vessels as may be mutually agreed upon.

Further, it is agreed that those men available will receive half pay until such time as re-instatement can be effected, but the time limit of such half pay shall not exceed 5½ months. In this connection it is the opinion of shipowners that there was far from a unanimous desire on the part of employees to leave their vessels and that they only did so under severe intimidation which unfortunately existed. In the circumstances it was agreed, and I think rightly so, that men forced out of their positions through no fault of their own and in fear of bodily harm not only to themselves but their dependents, many situated in Chinese territory, called in the circumstances for a considerate decision on the part of shipowners.

Admittedly, such consideration might be construed as an undesirable precedent in the commercial future of the Colony, and recognising this the shipowners took the opinion of the special strike committee of the Chamber of Commerce before conceding the point. As regards the Fund referred to for meeting the expenses (in the shape of half pay) of Seamen whose ships are not immediately available, I would say that my understanding is that this will be met by a Fund arranged between Dr. Jamieson and certain prominent Chinese gentlemen of the Colony, headed by Sir Robert Ho Tung, as mentioned in the Government Gazette of Saturday last. So far as strike pay is concerned in the case of unabsorbed seamen, I must explain that late in the evening of the 4th instant when the hitch in signing the Agreement occurred, Dr. Jamieson and myself were confronted with an unreasonable demand in the shape of a guarantee of 6 months' half pay if positions were not open for returning seamen on their arrival. This demand was largely responsible for the breakdown or suspension of negotiations, as Dr. Jamieson stated it was not fair to ask the Shipping Companies to accept it, and on behalf of the Shipping Companies I stated I saw no hope of such an unwarranted concession.

During the final negotiations with the Delegates Dr. Jamieson announced that the shipowners had refused the demand in connection with 5½ months half pay and he considered they were fully justified in so doing. Certain individuals, however, had come forward and said that if it would assist in a settlement, a Fund to meet the case would be raised. No names of the guarantors were mentioned to the Delegates. H.M. Consul-General for Canton in his pronouncement appealed to the Seamen's Union and Representatives of the Canton Chamber of Commerce to subscribe to the movement so generously put forward, and as far as the Canton Chamber of Commerce are concerned they promised to submit the proposal to their members.

From the Government Gazette of Saturday last, I learned Sir Robert Ho Tung is responsible for the establishment of the Fund in question, and I shall get in touch with him immediately to a certain extent of its administration. This in a measure is a charitable Fund entirely outside the province of the Steamship Owners, but at a meeting held on Wednesday last when the Agreement was ratified I appealed to Owners to do their utmost to generally assist the Administrator, however he may be, in making a fair distribution under the terms of our Agreement. It was, however, generally understood that the Fund must be entirely disassociated with the shipowners and administered by an independent official.

Clause 3.—This deals with the system of engaging crews. It has long been recognised that the present system of engagement is unsatisfactory to the men, but unless they help themselves it is useless for owners to extend the hand of assistance. The system is not that of the owners, but of the men, and speaking on behalf of the Steamship Companies concerned I would say that we come, and will assist in the inauguration of any scheme whereby the wages paid go in their entirety to the proper parties.

The unfortunate system of "squeeze" is not only prevalent in the engagement of seamen, but in nearly all Chinese dealing of a similar character, and if, as a result of the late unfortunate strike, a clean channel of remuneration will in the future exist between the masters and the men, it will at any rate have achieved a result of undoubted benefit to the community as a whole.

The foregoing I trust will convey the essential details of settlement and a full report of negotiations will follow, should you desire. It may be of interest to add that at the last meeting of shipowners it was unanimously agreed to form a Hongkong Shipowners' Association as it is hoped by so doing concerted action and better understanding as between employer and employee will result. Any assistance you can give in the formation and inauguration of such movement will be greatly appreciated. I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

R. SUTHERLAND,
Chairman, Shipowners' Committee.
To: Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.,
Government House,
Hongkong.

THE STRIKE NEGOTIATIONS.

SHIPOWNERS THANK DR. JAMIESON
MR. LUK KING FO.

The following letter has been addressed to Dr. J. W. Jamieson, C.M.G., Consul-General for Great Britain at Canton:—
Hongkong, 13th March, 1922.

SIR.—At a full meeting of Shipowners called on the 5th instant to ratify the agreement come to with the Seamen's Delegates I was requested to convey to you their sense of deep appreciation of your successful efforts in a most intricate and difficult dispute. I am also requested to solicit your good offices in conveying to Mr. Luk King Fo and to the Representatives of the Canton Chamber of Commerce the sincere thanks of Hongkong Shipowners for their most valuable assistance and advice in the recent negotiations. The general attitude of Mr. Luk King Fo has met with the fullest approbation of those who have been in touch with the situation and I have no hesitation in saying that if you will convey to him our recognition of the real spirit of compromise and fairness you will be conferring on us a great favour. I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

R. SUTHERLAND,
Chairman, Shipowners' Committee.

THE RECENT STRIKE.

His Excellency the Governor has written to the General Officer Commanding to express his appreciation of the valuable help rendered to the Community by the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Garrison, during the recent strike.

It has written that "The co-ordination of the personnel available for carrying on essential services was of the greatest importance to this Government, and to the public, and the highly efficient manner in which the work was conducted at short notice was most creditable to all concerned."

THE LATE CAPTAIN S. C. PLANT.

PROJECTED MEMORIAL.

The following circular has been issued by a Shanghai Committee:

To those who knew the late Captain S. C. Plant, Upper Yangtze River Inspector, whose work on the Upper Yangtze in connection with the development of steam navigation is well known, and to those interested in the Upper Yangtze, this circular is addressed.

These connected with the Upper Yangtze between Chungking and Ichang consider that a suitable memorial to his memory should consist of:—

- (1)—The erection of a plain granite monument, about 50 feet high, on Pyramid Hill, on the opposite of the river to Ichang, roughly estimated to cost \$15,000.
- (2)—The establishment of a "Mrs. Plant Bursary," a trust fund of \$4,000 the interest on which is to be devoted in the first place to educating and providing for the two Chinese girls for whose welfare Mrs. Plant had made herself responsible, and, when they had ceased to need it, to the education of girls of a similar class.
- (3)—Some other work of general public benefit (e.g. a drinking fountain for thirsty travellers, a public ferry at the Hsin-tan or a Mercantile Marine "Plant" Scholarship) as may be decided by the Committee later and the sum of money subscribed may permit.

These particulars are circulated to afford to those who knew or were interested in the late Captain Plant an opportunity of contributing towards the proposed memorial.

For this purpose the manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at Shanghai has very kindly offered to open an account, to be known as "The Plant Memorial Fund," to which contributed remittances may be sent direct, or to the President, H.B.M. Consul at Ichang, or to T. J. Eldridge, Sec. to Shanghai Committee Plant Memorial Fund, Custom House, Shanghai.

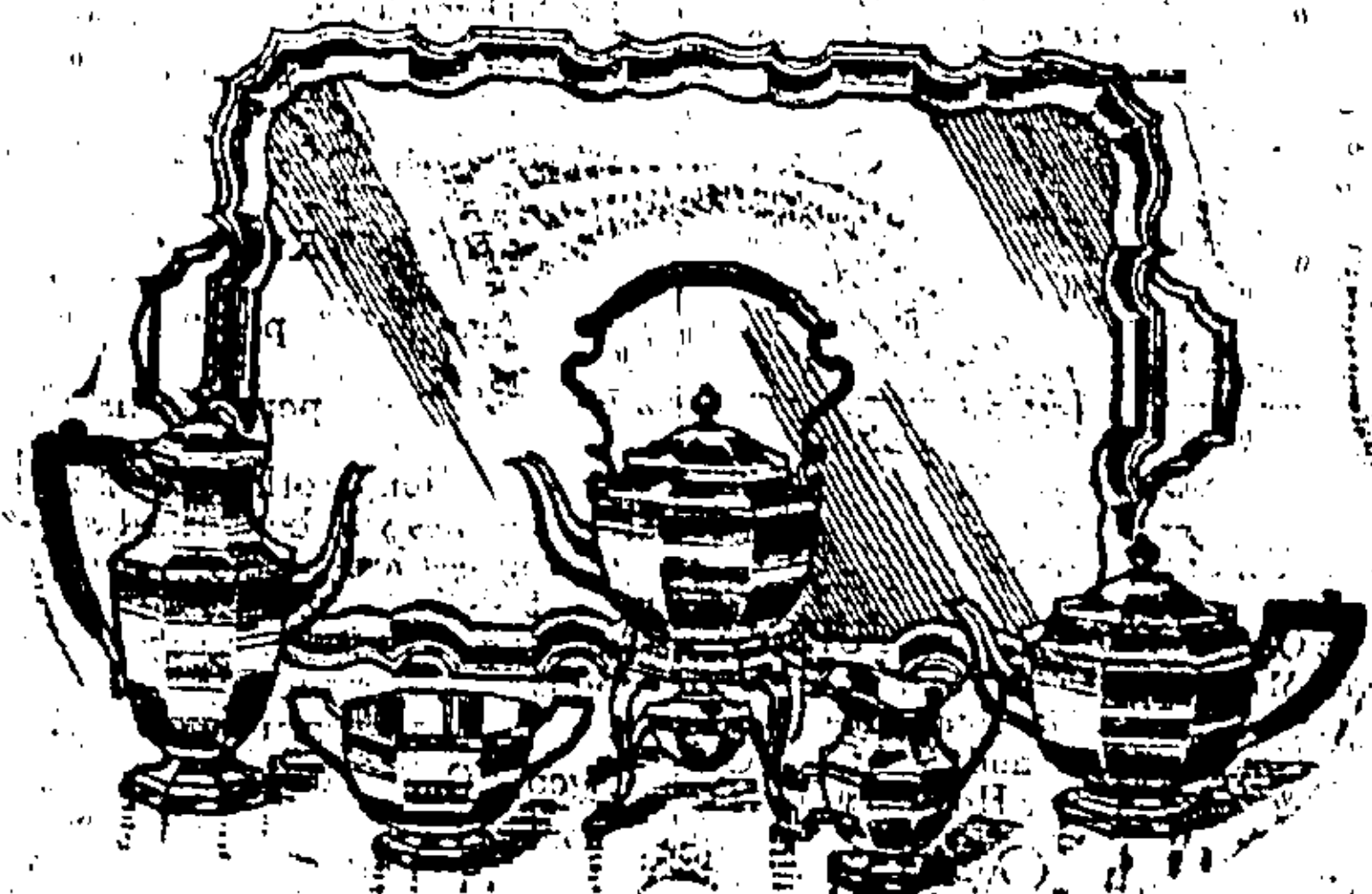
It will be remembered that Captain Plant died just over a year ago at sea just after starting from Shanghai on a voyage to England. Mrs. Plant died in Hongkong shortly after the steamer reached port. Both husband and wife were buried at Happy Valley.

SHANGHAI TRADE.

Messrs. Albert & Co.'s piece goods market report, dated March 3rd, says:—
Trade has been a dull and uninteresting character during the week with hardly sufficient demand to support prices notwithstanding the constant decline in the rate of exchange. In addition to the disturbing state of affairs in the interior the market has been under the shadow of something like a serious financial crisis resulting from wild speculation in the shares of what was supposed to be one of the soundest of the local native Exchanges, but this has for the time being been averted. It is certain that that very severe loss will have to be faced at some time or other and it is to be hoped that this episode, which has been long foreseen, will be the death blow to these speculations which have been so harmful to the legitimate trade of the Port during the past year or so.

It is satisfactory to report that although fresh business is so meagre, clearances are moderately good all round and that the Newchwang and Antung boats leaving next week are expected to take away fairly substantial quantities of goods.

The intensification of the labour troubles in Hongkong is also overshadowing the market to some extent, as it is felt that there are wider issues at stake than the mere question of seamen's wages, and that there is a certain amount of danger that the trouble may find a repercussion here and in other parts of the Far East.

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EFFECT OF SETTLEMENT SHOWN IN PERCENTAGES OF WAGES.

LINES.	Seamen's Original Demand (Increase in wages)	Terms accepted (Increase in wages granted by owners)	Reduction in Seamen's original demand compared to terms accepted.
(1) Chinese River Steamers	40%	30%	10% = 25% reduction
(2) Other Chinese Steamers up to 1,000 tons D.W.	40%	30%	10% = 25% "
(3) Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	40%	20%	20% = 50% "
(4) Other British Companies' River steamers taking the scale of the Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat S.B. Co., Ltd. as a basis	40%	20%	20% = 50% "
(5) Coasting Steamers	40%	20%	20% = 50% "
(6) Java Lines	40%	15%	25% = 62.5% "
(7) Pacific Lines	40%	15%	25% = 62.5% "
(8) European Lines	40%	15%	25% = 62.5% "
(9) Australian Lines	40%	15%	25% = 62.5% "
(a) Where Wages under \$30	40%	15%	25% = 62.5% "
(b) Where Wages over 30	40%	15%	25% = 62.5% "
(c) Where Wages under 30	40%	15%	25% = 62.5% "
(d) Where Wages over 30	40%	15%	25% = 62.5% "

(Signed) Lowe, Bingham & Matthews,
Chartered Accountants.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

THE indulgence of the Public is requested TO-DAY WEDNESDAY, 15th instant, at 4-4.10 p.m. and at 6.30-8.40 p.m. while the fire drill is practised by the Traffic Staff at Hongkong Exchange.

CHINA & JAPAN, TELEPHONE & ELECTRIC CO., LTD. 506

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

DURING my absence from the Colony Mr. FREDERICK HARRY ORR will act as Secretary to the above Co. By Order of the Board of Directors. W. S. BROWN, Secretary. Hongkong, 15th March, 1922. [506]

EX-ACTIVE SERVICE MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

RE-UNION DINNER.

HONGKONG HOTEL, SATURDAY, 18th March, at 8 p.m. All ex-active service men welcome. Tickets 5/- obtainable from Hongkong Hotel, Mouton & Co., and Mehta & Co. Plans of tables at Hongkong Hotel, on evening of Dinner. ANY "OLD CLOVES" WILL DO! 607

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

NOTICE.

ATTENTION of all Members of the Corps, including the men enrolled for THREE MONTHS, is drawn to the fact that a short Field Day will be held on the DEVIL'S PEAK, PENINSULA, on SUNDAY, the 19th instant. A launch will leave Murray Pier at 9.00 and call at Kowloon en route for JUNK BAY. The Tactical Exercise entails driving a party of Mounted Infantry (represented by the Mounted Infantry Section) out of the Peninsula. Time will be provided after the operations at about 1.15 p.m. For further information apply to your Platoon Commander, and it is hoped that you will inform him before noon on FRIDAY, 17th instant, that you will be present on SUNDAY.

R. B. YOUNG, Major, Adjutant H. V. D. Corps. Hongkong, 14th March, 1922. 610

VISIT OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

RECEPTION AND BALL.

THE Invitation Sub-Committee are in course of preparing a list of residents to be invited to the above mentioned functions and all residents and visitors who desire to attend should forward their names together with particulars of their family (including relatives and others who form part of the same household) on or before SATURDAY, 18th March, to the Chairman of the Invitation Sub-Committee, Mr. C. Montague Edie, c/o The Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., 3 & 4 Queen's Buildings. If the final number of residents attending exceeds the capacity of the Pavilion lots will be drawn for invitations; but members of one household will not be divided. This applies only to residents of British nationality. The various Consular bodies, etc. are kindly dealing with the lists of residents of other nationalities. This notice does not apply to members of the Army and Navy for whom separate arrangements are being made. Envelopes should be marked "PRINCE OF WALES RECEPTION & BALL" and block letter writing of names will greatly facilitate the work of the honorary officials.

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T.M.V. "GLENOCLE"

Having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, wharves, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained. Goods not cleared by the 21st March, 1922, at 5 p.m. will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of consignees, by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, on 21st March 1922 at 10 a.m. Claims against the steamer including those for cargo short delivered must be presented on the special form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents. Hongkong, 14th March, 1922. [635]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"ANCHISES" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Heli's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 15th March.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th March, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 31st April, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 14th March, 1922. [611]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BLUE FUNNEL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES are notified that it is hoped to return cargoes for Hongkong, discharged at Singapore or Shanghai owing to strike conditions existing at this port, as under:

Ex. "Felicus" per "Rhesus" Due Hongkong 17/3/22

Ex. "Glaucus" per "Glaucus" Due Hongkong 18/3/22

Ex. "Demodocus" per "Troilus" Due Hongkong 19/3/22

Ex. "Thebes" per "Mentor" Due Hongkong 21/3/22

Ex. "Pyrrhus" per "Telemachus" Due Hongkong 23/3/22

Ex. "Ajax" per "Kt. Templar" Due Hongkong 25/3/22

Ex. "Agapenor" per "Pelexus" Due Hongkong 30/3/22

Ex. "Mentor" per "Machaon" Due Hongkong 31/3/22

Confirmation or otherwise of these proposed arrangements will be notified subsequently. Consignees are urgently requested to take prompt delivery of cargo in order to avoid congestion, which will result in delay in returning the above cargoes.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, O.S.S. Co., Ltd. & C.M.S.N. Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 13th March, 1922. 604

JAMES TOTTEN SHAW, DECEASED.

ALL Claims against the estate of the above named deceased must be sent to the undersigned forthwith.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Princes Building, Hongkong, March 15th, 1922. [594]

BRITISH LEGION

(HONGKONG AND CHINA BRANCH)

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the City Hall on MONDAY, 20th March, 1922, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of electing Officers and Committee for the current year.

H. K. HOLMES, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 14th March, 1922. [600]

HONGKONG HOTEL

GRILL ROOM

THE USUAL DINNER DANCING will NOT be held on WEDNESDAY, 15th MARCH. THE DINING ROOM (Old Grill Room) will be used as GRILL ROOM on WEDNESDAY NIGHT and will be open from 7 to 9.15 p.m. 597

NOTICE.

CUSTOMERS are requested to use their PASS BOOKS when ordering provisions, etc. Orders written on slips of paper will not be accepted in future.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD. [586]

NOTICE TO EX-SERVICE MEN

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES has specially notified his desire to be given the opportunity of MEETING all Ex-Service Men now in the Colony, on the occasion of his visit here next month. By the kind invitation of His Excellency the Governor, the grounds of Government House will be open at 2.30 p.m. on April 6th, when Ex-Service Men are cordially invited to be present to meet the Prince.

It is requested that all those who wish to attend should apply to Mr. E. H. RICE at Government House, for a card of admission, stating the name of the Corps in which they served. Application should be made by March 25th at latest. [583]

G. R. 1922-23

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the R.N. Hospital until 10 a.m. on the 21st March, 1922, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Bread, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Aerated Waters, Ice, and other provisions, and necessities for the year ending 31st March, 1922. Printed Forms Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R.N. Hospital. The right to reject the lowest any Tender is reserved.

F. DALTON, Surgeon Captain, R.N. R.N. HOSPITAL. Hongkong, 13th March, 1922. 685

NOTICE.

I, H.M.H. NEMAZEE, of Prince's Building, 1 Des Vaux Road, Hongkong, hereby give notice that in accordance with the conditions of purchase and for uniformity of the names of the other vessels owned by me, I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894, in respect of the ship "HISTORIAN" of Hongkong, official number 165384 of gross tonnage 6899 tons, register tonnage 4442 tons, hitherto owned by me, for permission to change her name to "ARABESKY" and to have her registered as owned by me.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days of the appearance of this advertisement.

DATED AT HONGKONG, THIS TENTH DAY OF MARCH, 1922.

H. M. H. NEMAZEE 570

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the Hongkong Daily Press, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertisement at the prevailing rate.

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Hotel, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, 15th MARCH, 1922, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1921.

By Order of the Board of Directors, H. N. BEAUFPAIRE, Secretary. [567]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMFOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 9 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 20th March, 1922, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1921.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 20th March, 1922 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors, R. M. DYER, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 8th March, 1922. [560]

HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO., LTD.

(INCORPORATED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the COLONIAL (HONGKONG) REGISTER of the Co. will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 15th March 1922, to THURSDAY, 16th April, 1922, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, W. E. ROBERTS, Secretary. Hongkong, 7th March 1922. [568]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE Forty-fourth Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Co. will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on WEDNESDAY the 29th March at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st December, 1921.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th to 29th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Agents. Hongkong, 10th March, 1922. [575]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1922, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1921.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 17th to 31st March, 1922, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers. HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD. Hongkong, March 13th, 1922. [583]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD. will be held at the Hongkong Hotel on Monday the 20th day of March, 1922, at 11.30 a.m. when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of shareholders held on Friday the 3rd day of March 1922, will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions.

1. That Article 108 of this Company's Articles of Association be altered as follows:—

(a) By the insertion of "\$10,000" in the place of "\$8,000" in the fifth line thereof.

(b) By striking out in the ninth and tenth lines thereof the words "for each financial year of the Company" and inserting in place thereof the words "in every year wherein such profits shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of \$100,000, and a commission of ten per cent per annum on all the net profits of the Company in excess of that sum".

2. That the above Resolution (No. 1) to be retrospective and take effect from the 1st day of January, 1922.

Dated the 2nd day of March, 1922.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. [589]

KULANGSU MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

AMOI, CHINA.

THE KULANGSU MUNICIPAL COUNCIL is prepared to receive applications for the post of ASSISTANT to the SECRETARY.

Candidates must have a knowledge of Book-keeping, and a knowledge of Police work would be a recommendation. Pay \$250 per month with quarters, light and fuel.

Applications should state age, qualifications, and should be forwarded, together with copies of references or testimonials, to the undersigned, from whom full particulars of the conditions of service can be obtained.

By order, H. G. REED, Secretary & Capt. Supt. of Police. Board Room, Kulangsu, Amoy, 24th February, 1922. [556]

ON SALE

HONGKONG HANNAH REPORTS of the MEETING of the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for the session 1919.

Revised by the Members.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 15th, 1922.

THE SHIPOWNERS' REPORT.

This preliminary report which the Chairman of the Shipowners' Committee has furnished to H.E. THE GOVERNOR on the Strike negotiations between the owners and the seamen is not the piquant document that has been expected in view of the current impression that the settlement was due to official "pressure." "I give it as my opinion," says Mr. SUTHERLAND, "that Shipowners, in making such concessions as they have done, were not unduly influenced by anything other than the grave commercial hold up and of the hardship entailed on these entirely disinterested in points of disagreement between the Union and Shipowners. I give this opinion with all due reserve, but feel that my remarks are in line with the general views of Shipowners."

The public are not so much concerned with the details of the seamen's strike as with the intimidation which prevailed and to so large an extent brought about the sympathetic strike; but the public naturally turns to this Report on the Shipping Strike to learn what was really thought by the Committee concerning the justice or otherwise of the men's demands. What we get in the report is the statement that "while generous concessions have been made in respect of Chinese-owned steamers, the Seamen's delegates have met the position very fully as regards other lines." The Report is very carefully worded and puts the best possible complexion on the proceedings with the obvious desire to avoid irritation. No mention is made of what happened before the strike began, which is to be regretted, since it leaves upon the mind an impression that, since "substantial concessions" in some cases were at a later stage deemed to be necessary, more tactful treatment of the demand when it was first made might have averted the strike. A table appended to the Report shows that the concessions made in the final settlement represent a reduction on the men's original demands varying from 25 per cent. in the case of local shipping to 62½ per cent. in the case of ocean lines. The general tenor of the report reminds us of the conversation between the

child and the old man in Southey's poem on the Battle of Blenheim:

"But what good came of it at last?"

"Quoth little Peterkin,

"Why that I cannot tell," said he

"But 't was a famous victory."

On the other side the figures may be interpreted in this wise: that the men obtained from three-eighths to three-quarters of their original demands, according to the run on which they are employed; and some of the Companies, it is pointed out, had previously granted voluntarily an increase of from 18 to 23 per cent. to meet the higher cost of living. The clause which provides that the men shall receive half pay from such time as they left their vessels until their return is explained at considerable length in the Report and Sir ROBERT HO TUNG is shown to have come forward at the psychological moment with his offer to raise a fund to meet this demand—a fund which was generally understood at the Conference to be "entirely" dissociated with the Shipowners and administered by an independent official. How long the seamen would have held out on this demand it is impossible to say, but it seems from the Report that, without that offer, the delegates would have gone back to Canton without signing the settlement. The Report will be read, of course, with great interest, but the public's chief interest is in the Government's failure to suppress the intimidation which brought about the general strike, put the foreign community to so much inconvenience and left, in all probability, a legacy of trouble of a similar kind which will require to be dealt with perhaps at no far distant date.

A short field day for the Volunteers is announced for Sunday.

The ex-active Servicemen's re-union dinner is announced for Saturday next.

Attention is drawn to a notice inserted by the Telephone Co. in to-day's advertisements.

Captain S. C. Cook, M.C., C.M.A., assumed duties of Command Accountant, China Command, on 1st inst. vice Captain K. R. Corson, C.M.A., to United Kingdom, same date.

In connection with the reception and ball to be given in honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, an announcement of general public interest appears among to-day's advertisements.

In order to encourage afforestation Governor Chen Chiung-ming has made the suggestion that trees should be planted to-day on the White Cloud Mountain, and all Government officials are instructed to participate.

The deepest sympathy of the foreign community of Foochow has been evoked with Mr. Ernest B. Price, U.S. Consul and Mrs. Price in the loss of their little son, who was killed on the 3rd inst. by falling from a window of the second storey of the Consulate.

Among the passengers leaving by the P. & O. *Khiva* to-day are Colonel T. M. Wakefield, R.G.A., who is transferred to Singapore; Major and Mrs. Leslie Smith, Mr. C. G. Moxon, Mr. E. A. Wells, Mr. J. Scott Harston, General Harston, and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brown, Miss Hastings and Miss M. Sloan.

Mrs. T. H. Harris, wife of the General Manager of the China Merchants Co., at Shanghai, reported to the police, last week, the loss of jewellery and money to the value of \$4,465, which had been in a drawer in her bedroom that had been forced open, and the jewellery and money taken away.

Engineer-Capt. S. P. Ferguson, C.B.E., is shortly leaving Hongkong, where he has served as Chief Engineer of H.M. Dockyard for the past three years. He has been relieved by Engineer-Captain G. H. Bromwich, D.S.O., O.B.E., who arrived by the P. & O. s.s. *Devon* a fortnight ago, with his wife and child, who have taken rooms at the Peak Hotel.

Captain Bromwich served on the China Station in H.M.S. *Centurion* 20 years ago and took part in Sir Edward Seymour's expedition and in the taking of Tientsin.

Miss Helen Schurman, daughter of Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, United States Minister to China, and Mrs. Schurman, was married at the Malacca Palace, Manila, on the 4th inst., to Major John Magruder, U.S.A., assistant military attaché at Peking. The wedding party

which came down from Peking with the Minister and his wife on the s.s. *Albatross*, included Miss Barbara Schurman, sister to the bride, and Mr. Paul E. Josselyn, assistant secretary to the Legation.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN (Mr. G. E. Bayer) it was decided to put in force the appropriate section of the Prevention and Mitigation of Infectious and Contagious Diseases Order.

COMPANY MEETING.

MESSRS. A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

The 37th annual ordinary general meeting of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., was held in the Hongkong Hotel yesterday morning. Mr. H. Humphreys presiding. There were also present Mr. H. E. White (director), Mr. J. A. Tarrant (secretary), and the following shareholders and Messrs. M. S. Northcote, A. P. Samy, W. Morley, D. E. Clark, F. W. Stapleton, G. Rapp, J. D. Humphreys and J. M. Wong.

After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen: At the last annual meeting, I said it was gratifying to come before you with the best account in the history of the Company. It is therefore still more gratifying to come before you with a report which is even better, showing as it does an increased profit of \$23,811.46. It was the intention of your directors to have paid a slightly larger dividend for the year under review, but taking into account that business has been virtually at a standstill since first of February last, they decided to carry a larger amount forward as it was impossible to predict what the effect of the strike crisis would be, on the current year's account.

If you will refer to the balance sheet, you will doubtless notice big increases in the assets under the headings of Building Improvements and Aerated Water Machinery. As regards the former, these include a new storey on the European quarters at North Point, a new water tower at North Point, an Electric goods left in the warehouse in Stanley Street and extensive structural alterations to the Hongkong Dispensary store.

As regards the latter, the additions include a new bottle washing plant both here and in Canton, a new power plant in Canton, and new refrigerating plant in Hongkong in addition to extra bottling and corking machines.

The increases under the heading of stocks in trade and local and general liabilities are less than what might be expected from the big drop in exchange. It is obvious that as we have to buy nearly all our goods from countries with a fixed currency, the lower our dollar is, the more valuable in local currency our stocks become, and the higher our liabilities become.

I trust you will approve of the proposed transfer to reserve fund and the various writings off, also the proposed payment to the staff provident fund.

I have no further remarks to make, and have now to propose that the report and statement of accounts as presented be passed. When the resolution has been duly recorded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions before putting the motion to the meeting.

Mr. NORMAN, seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, and congratulated the Chairman on the steady improvement in the affairs of the Company.

The motion was carried unanimously. The CHAIRMAN proposed the resolution of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Mr. J. Scott Harston and Mr. H. P. White as directors of the company for the ensuing year.

Mr. STAPLETON seconded. This was carried.

Mr. CLARK proposed and Mr. MORLEY seconded the re-election of Mr. C. Bernard Crowe, A.C.A., and Mr. H. Greenwood, A.C.A., as auditors of the company for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$500 each.

Carried unanimously. This terminated the meeting.

EPIDEMIC OF PLAGUE.

MEASURES BY THE SANITARY BOARD.

The health return for the week ended March 11th recorded 16 cases of plague, and 19 deaths. In the 48 hours ended March 13th, the number of cases was increased by six and of deaths by three.

The matter was referred to by the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. W. W. Pearce) at the meeting of the Sanitary Board, yesterday. Dr. Pearce said that so far, this year, there had been 56 cases of plague in the Colony, distinctly focused in the eastern district, in McGreg

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH EDITOR'S AGENCY.)

SOUTH AFRICAN OUTBREAK.
GOVERNMENT TROOPS CLOSING IN
UPON REBELS.

BLOEMFONTEIN, March 14th.

The main railway line was dynamited near the Transvaal border and a pilot engine derailed. There were no casualties.

PRATONIA, March 14th.

Government troops are closing in upon the revolutionaries from east and from west.

EARLIER CABLES.

OVER 2,000 PRISONERS CAPTURED.

PRATONIA, March 15th.

An official communication states that 2,000 prisoners have been captured by military operations in the central area. An aeroplane was forced to descend and another broke its undercarriage in attempting to rescue the stranded airman. A third machine landed and rescued two of the stranded whilst the others, one of whom was wounded, escaped. The revolutionaries retired after a heavy engagement into Beaufort.

Military parties have reached Krugersdorp and are now pushing eastwards. Operations continued all day long in the vicinity of the Pretoria-Germiston Railway, which, despite heavy bombings, the rebels persist in attempting to damage.

Colonel Breytenbach's forces have occupied Rietfontein.

JOHANNESBURG NOW SAFE.

LONDON, March 14th.

A series of Government successes, attended with the slightest losses, is chronicled by Reuters' Johannesburg correspondence on March 14th, indicating that the rebels are retreating in all directions. The risk of Johannesburg falling into the hands of the revolutionaries has disappeared.

A defence force in command of General Sir Van de Venne has captured the important townships of Benoni and Dubsburg, on the Far East Rand, and is now marching to Brakpan.

On the west, the Fordsburg Commando, which is close to Johannesburg, has not yet attacked and is digging itself in, but further along, the Governmental forces have occupied Rooiwal and Florida villages on Maraisburg, where the revolutionaries are strongly entrenched in the hills. General Smuts controls the whole situation.

LATEST CABLES.

FOUR-POWER TREATY.

SENATE ABOUT TO VOTE ON
AMENDMENT.

WASHINGTON, March 14th.

After speeches by Senators Johnson and Borah alleging that the Four-Power Treaty constituted a Quadruple Alliance the Senate unanimously agreed to vote to-morrow on the amendment proposed by Senator Robinson the effect of which will be to pledge the signatories against any act of aggression and to provide that in any future controversy all the nations affected will be invited to participate in the resulting conference.

EARLIER CABLES.

QUESTION IN THE COMMONS.

LONDON, March 13th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Frederick Hall, Sir Arthur Balfour said that the Washington treaties would only be binding after ratification. No machinery was proposed for dealing with amendments submitted by any of the countries concerned.

There seemed no advantage in discussing whether the arrangements would fall to the ground in the event of the American House of Representatives introducing important modifications of the Pacific Treaty.

OCCUPATION COSTS.

LONDON AND PARIS VIEWS ON
AMERICA'S CLAIM.

LONDON, March 13th.

Political circles in Paris are disposed to view tragically America's demand for payment of the cost of occupation, pointing out that the demand would absorb practically the whole of the milliard marks on reparations account which the Allies have just succeeded in apportioning among themselves.

Correspondents at Washington declare that the demand, coupled with the refusal to attend Genoa, is the starting-point of America's foreign policy, which is described as bringing tactical pressure on certain elements in Europe.

English Press comments regard United States demand as indicating America's grim sense of humor, prompted less by the idea of getting money than of securing a bargaining position with a view to forcing the Allies to pursue a policy towards Germany more in accordance with American ideas.

BRITISH TRADE.

THE RETURNS FOR FEBRUARY.

LONDON, March 13th.

The Board of Trade returns for February show that exports totalled £24,250,000 and imports £28,250,000, being decreases of nearly £5,000,000 and £7,000,000 respectively compared with January.

Exports of manufactures decreased by £10,000,000 and exports of cotton yarn manufactures by £2,500,000; and imports of raw materials fell by £5,250,000. Re-exports totalled £10,000,000, an increase of £2,000,000, compared with February, 1921.

MR. MONTAGU'S
RESIGNATION.A LIVELY DISCUSSION IN THE
COMMONS.

LONDON, March 13th.

In the House of Commons, there was a lively discussion on Mr. Montagu's speech during the question-time.

Mr. Chamberlain said Lord Curzon called his attention to the Indian Government's first telegram prior to the Cabinet meeting on March 6th, representing that publication was contrary to public interest. Mr. Chamberlain agreed and was surprised when on afterwards mentioning the matter to Mr. Montagu the latter said he had already authorised publication.

Mr. Montagu gave no hint to Lord Curzon that there was time to prevent publication. Mr. Chamberlain deplored Mr. Montagu's public reference to Lord Curzon's private letter, of which Lord Curzon did not even keep a copy. It was the kind of letter members of the Cabinet often wrote one to another. He added that Lord Curzon was abed in the country but he had telephoned that he was coming to London to reply to Mr. Montagu in the House of Lords to-morrow.

Mr. Chamberlain recently Colonel Wedgwood's insinuation that the press publicity given for Mr. Montagu's resignation were a mere pretext.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor asked leave to move the adjournment in order to discuss the remarkable incident and put ourselves right with the people of India and Eastern Europe.

Mr. Chamberlain did not object, as he learned that a discussion of Near Eastern policy would be out of order.

In the course of further discussion it transpired that Mr. Montagu would be absent to-day and Mr. O'Connor yielded to appeals to postpone the motion till Lord Curzon has made a statement and Mr. Montagu was able to attend.

THE PRINCE IN INDIA.

OPENING COLLEGE FOR INDIAN
CADETS.

DEHRA-DUN, March 13th.

The Prince of Wales arrived here this morning and stayed three hours. His Royal Highness opened the Royal Military College for cadets, and in the course of a speech said that India's services during the war won for the rising generation the right to hold the King's commission and a path to the highest ranks in the Indian Army was now open.

Never had a fairer or more honourable field been displayed before. From his own experience he could say that the first few blows on the anvil of life give the human weapon a temper which carries through life's battles. He hoped that those responsible for the administration of the College would keep before them the ideals of the English Public Schools, and also foster and maintain the old Indian spirit of reverence, which bound master and pupil together. The Prince advised students to work hard, play hard, live an upright life, and to maintain untarnished the martial traditions of India's fighting men.

Later on the Prince reviewed a march-past of the Dehra-dun garrison and presented colours to the cadets of the Royal Military School at Sanawar.

The Prince then left for Gujwala in a pig-sticking cap.

PERSIAN OIL ROYALTIES.

ALIBABAD, March 13th.

A message from Teheran says the Persian Government has received £200,000 from Washington against future oil royalties voted by the Majlis. This indicates that the Standard Oil and Anglo-Persian Companies have reached an agreement regarding their conflicting interests.

P. AND O. SHARE ISSUE.

OVER-SUBSCRIBED IN AN HOUR.

LONDON, March 13th.

The Peninsula and Oriental Steamship Co.'s subscription-list was closed at mid-day.

The bids for the Peninsula and Oriental issue were open only for an hour and were largely over-subscribed.

THE U.S. ARMY.

REDUCED PERSONNEL AND
EXPENDITURE.

WASHINGTON, March 13th.

The Army Bill reported to the House of Representatives provides for a reduction of the Regular Army to 115,000 men and 11,000 officers. The Army expenditure is reduced by \$118,000,000 to \$370,000,000.

EVACUATION OF WEIHAIWEI.

LONDON, March 13th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Walter de Frece, Sir Hamar Greenwood, on behalf of Mr. Churchill, said no date had been fixed for the evacuation of Weihaiwei.

ANGORA MISSION IN LONDON.

LONDON, March 13th.

The Angora Mission, headed by Yusuf and Kemal Bey, Commissioners of Foreign Affairs, has arrived in London to confer with the Government.

DATE FOR GENOA.

LONDON, March 13th.

The Italian Government has agreed that the Genoa conference open on April 10th.

THE ENGINEERING LOCK-OUT.

LONDON, March 13th.

A quarter of a million skilled engineers are idle to-day as a result of the lock-out.

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER.

LONDON, March 13th.

In a Soccer match England beat Wales by one goal to nil at Liverpool.

NEW GREEK CABINET.

ATHENS, March 13th.

M. Stratos is forming a Cabinet.

THE TAIPO ROAD SHOOTING
INQUIRY.EVIDENCE TAKEN OF A CHINESE
WITNESS.

The inquiry into the Shatin incident on the Taiipo Road, during the strike, when a mob of strikers was fired upon by the police and military, was continued by Mr. J. R. Wood and a Coroner's jury, at the Magistracy, yesterday.

The members of the jury were: Mr. W. L. Leask (foreman), Mr. A. H. Ferguson and Mr. F. C. Hall.

On the previous day Mr. J. H. King, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Kowloon, gave evidence at great length and described the circumstances which led up to the actual order given by him to the troops to fire on the mob.

VIEWING THE SCENE.

The Coroner in opening yesterday's proceedings said with reference to the question of viewing the scene of the shooting, the jury wished to state that their decision made yesterday not to view the scene would be liable to alteration. If circumstances warranted it, the jury would visit the spot after all the evidence had been taken. The Coroner added that he proposed to sit until four o'clock on Wednesday and on Thursday to any length.

INSPECTOR PITT'S STORY.

Sub-Inspector William Pitt was then called to give evidence. He said that at 6.10 a.m. on the 3rd inst. he received a telephone message from Mr. King directing him to proceed immediately with all available assistance to the Kowloon Waterworks. Sergeant Greig was to proceed with him. They were to report to Mr. King as to the direction the men, who were attempting to leave the Colony, were taking. Witness telephoned to Sgt. Dordling, Yaumati, and asked him to take him to the Waterworks in his side car.

Sgt. Greig and witness in the side car, going up the Taiipo Road, passed through a large crowd. At the Waterworks witness turned on the three Indian Police constables stationed there and ordered them to load their rifles with 10 rounds.

The Coroner: Had part of the crowd got past this spot?

Witness: While I was at the station the head of the crowd came round the bend.

HOLDING THE CROWD AT THE WATERWORKS.

Witness proceeded: Whilst doing this Sub-Inspector Field and Sgt. Dordling were on the road. Whilst turning out of the Police I heard two rounds fired. On going on the road I fired two rounds into the bank with my revolver.

The Coroner: The idea being to frighten them?

Witness: Yes to let them know we were armed. I then posted the three Indian police across the road about 40 yards away from the station. I remained with them. Sub-Inspector Field, who speaks Chinese, went towards the crowd and spoke to them. The crowd worked forward. They were then getting very hostile and out of control, shouting and waving their hats and sticks.

The Coroner: Did they assault Inspector Field?

Witness: No. He was simply pushed back by the crowd. I then went to telephone, in order to get Mr. King, and learnt that he had already left. When I returned five Indian police arrived from Sun Shui Po. They came through the crowd. Their magazines were charged at my orders, and I posted them with the other three men across the road. The crowd was getting very disorderly. The road was full. They were shouting out "strike, and go."

The Coroner: When the head of the crowd first arrived; was it very thick?

Witness: The road, which is about 20 feet wide, was black with people. They were about 7 or 8 thick; of course, they were carrying bundles, sticks and umbrellas. One of the men, who appeared to be the ringleader, came close to me and shouted to the crowd to come on. He could speak English. He was dressed in European brown clothes. He, himself, pushed me to one side. I fired a round into the ground close to him. The crowd stopped. By this time they had not reached the Indians.

The Coroner: How far were the Indians away?

Witness: About 10 feet away.

Proceeding, witness said: I again ran to the telephone.

The Coroner: You were the Senior Inspector present?

Witness: Yes. While at the telephone I heard a considerable noise. I ran down to the road and on my arrival I saw the crowd were forcing the Indians back. They forced them for about 40 yards. Sub-Inspector Field and myself then considered it was best to let them proceed, as we knew the military were coming along.

As they passed by, they all raised their hats in a contemptuous manner as much to say: "We are going through." About 15 minutes later, one European military officer and three Indian soldiers arrived in a motor car. I informed him that the crowd was a mile ahead. He then proceeded, Sub-Inspector Field and I following on foot, with the police. Shortly afterwards, Mr. King overtook us in Sgt. Dordling's car. I was taken on the car.

THE SHOOTING AT SHATIN.

Continuing Inspector Pitt detailed Mr. King's actions from the time he took charge. Inspector Pitt pointed out to Mr. King the two ringleaders. On joining up with the military party, Mr. King took the situation in hand at the seventh milestone. The head of the crowd was then much thicker. Mr. King, Sgt. Dordling and witness ran to meet the crowd. Mr. King ordered them to return peacefully, to receive passes, and warned them that if they proceeded farther the military would shoot. The man in white was still the ringleader. Mr. King tried to grab him and pass him over to witness.

The crowd began to hustle Mr. King. Witness then fired one round into the crowd in front of them as their feet. They took no notice and started to push past. Mr. King gave the order to fire. After the round was fired the crowd halted.

The Coroner: Did the crowd advance at the double?

Witness: No; they were walking slowly. They were then being pushed from the rear, more than anything else.

Continuing, witness said he accompanied Mr. King to the front of the crowd and warned them that the military would be ordered to fire again if they moved. Witness and others proceeded to render first aid. Just then a large party of military arrived and some of the crowd began to return to Hongkong. Some said they would not go until the wounded had been removed.

The Crown Solicitor: What was your estimate of the numbers at the Kowloon Water Works?

Witness: About 2,000 to 2,500.

Mr. Shenton: And at the seventh milestone?

Witness: About 3,000.

Mr. Shenton: Where were the Waterworks police rifles loaded?

Witness: Outside the police station.

The crowd did not see this as we were not on the road.

Mr. Shenton: How far away were you from the crowd when you fired these two rounds?—About 150 yards.

The mob could see and hear what you did?—Yes.

Where did the Sun Shui Po police load their rifles?—About 50 feet in front of the crowd—in sight of the crowd.

Of the crowd at the Water Works how many had sticks?—A half—a third or a quarter?—About a third had sticks; the majority had umbrellas.

They were waving these sticks?—Yes; the whole crowd.

Was there much noise?—Yes; you could hardly hear yourself.

Had it the appearance of being violent?—If we had tried to stop them then we should have had a rough time.

NOTHING LEFT BUT TO FIRE.

I take it there was nothing left but to fire?

The Coroner: You could have made a bayonet or a truncheon charge?—We were only three at first and later only 8 against 2,000.

Mr. Shenton: A charge with bayonets or truncheons would have been useless?—Yes.

Mr. Shenton: There was nothing left but to fire?—Yes, and I decided to let them through.

If you had not let them through?—They would have set upon us.

When you let them through what was their demeanour?—As I said before they treated us with contempt.

Did you tell Mr. King that every effort had been made to keep the crowd back?—Yes.

After you fired into the ground they surged forward?—Yes.

If the shooting had not taken place what do you think would have happened?—The Coroner: If the police had continued to resist?

Witness: I probably there would have been a violent assault on the police, which may have resulted in death.

Mr. Shenton: The tone of the mob was violent?—If we had tried to stop them, they would have gone through by force.

The Coroner: Did it appear that they intended to strike any of the police?—They passed us without striking us?—They hustled us, but we managed to get to one side. They advanced without damaging the police.

Mr. Leask (foreman of the jury): When Mr. King addressed the mob in Chinese had you sufficient knowledge of Chinese to interpret most of Mr. King's words?—Yes.

Mr. Leask: I would like to ask if he saw any sign of firearms in the crowd?—No; none whatever.

Sgt. Arthur James William Dordling was the next witness. His evidence was mostly corroborative of that already given.

He described the various incidents which led up to the shooting at Shatin. Until the crowd sighted the police at the Waterworks, they made no noise and they were very orderly. Directly they went round the bend and saw the police they began to shout—"Go on!" At the Waterworks the crowd had been shouting amongst themselves began to shout at the police. On arrival at Shatin he heard Mr. King say to Capt. Bloxham: "I am going to meet the crowd. In the event of any trouble I shall give the order for one round to be fired at the feet of the crowd." Witness could not say whether many or few men in the front of the crowd heard what Mr. King said when he warned them about the shooting.

At this stage the Court rose for trifling.

Examined by Mr. Shenton after trifling, Sgt. Dordling said that if the police at Shatin had attempted to continue to hold the crowd instead of shooting they would have been knocked and tramped upon.

Mr. Leask: Are you of the opinion that sufficient warning was given?

Witness: Oh, yes, certainly; heaps of warning.

Mr. Leask: After the order to fire was given by Mr. King what actually took place? Did the crowd seem to come forward?—They were still coming down the road.

Dr. Smalley told us that the deceased (Tam Shui Tai) had been shot in the back. Can you tell how that happened?—No; I cannot say.

The Coroner: You did not see any one in the crowd turn back before the actual firing took place?—No.

Mr. Shenton: This particular man was shot on the other side of the road?—Yes; on the same side as Inspector Pitt.

A CHINESE HOUSEBOY'S
EVIDENCE.

One of the wounded men, a Chinese houseboy, employed by Mr. Wilton, of No. 4, Broadwood Road, was the next witness called. He said in reply to the Coroner's questions: I joined in the strike on March 2nd at 10.30 a.m. At Yaumati the same day I decided to go to Canton and at 7 a.m. on the 3rd I joined the assembly at the Po Hing Theatre. I went there of my own accord and by myself. I carried a long coat over my arm and I had no stick or umbrella. When I arrived at the Po Hing Theatre there was a large crowd of people, about 2,000 odd. They were all domestic servants, most of them were in foreign employ. There were a few amahs. I waited there about 10 minutes. There were no banners or flags and there was no-one in command, but we proceeded all together. I did not know when we were to start. No signal was given to start. I was in the middle of the crowd, which started off in separate groups. I cannot say how many groups I saw. I intended to walk as far as Sam Chun by the Taiipo Road.

The Coroner: Had you heard that people had been turned back?—No; I had not heard.

Witness continuing said: I never expected to meet any police.

The Coroner: What happened on the way?—When we got as far as the point, where there is a European building at the top of the hill, we met some Indian constables and several Sipoys. We were presented from passing on. Eventually we were allowed to proceed. They said: "You can go on."

The Coroner: Why did they not stop you?—I can't say.

Why did they let you through?—I can't tell. They told us to wait a moment and then they let us through. We proceeded on our way. When we had walked about one hour a motor-bus containing Sipoys overtook us. Then several European constables got in front of us. They wanted us to stop. Before they had spoken many words they raised their fire arms. Some of us were shot and felt pain. We then made for the hill side. The European constables had to convey us to the Kwong Wah Hospital in the motor-bus for treatment. I have never been on that road before.

The Coroner: Did he (Inspector Pitt) tell you to go back?—He did.

Did he fire his revolver?—He did not.

At that place were any revolvers fired?—I did not see any revolvers fired.

The Indian police were drawn up across the road?—They were.

Did the crowd press the Indian police back?—No, we did not press this line back any distance.

Where were you when the firing took place?—I was more 10 rows back from the front.

Did you hear what the police said?—I did not.

How long did the crowd stop before the soldiers fired?—Over five minutes, but less than ten minutes. I was standing. I did not about. When the shooting took place the crowd was merely standing. We did not move.

Then why did the police fire?—They wanted to stop us, because they were afraid we might pass them.

The police witnesses say that they fired because the crowd moved?—For my part I did not go on. I remained standing. I was wounded.

The Crown Solicitor: Why did you leave your employment on the 2nd?—Everybody else left.

Were you told to leave?—Yes, certainly.

Where did you spend the day (the 2nd)?—I stayed at the Kwong Wah Hospital before I commenced to walk to Canton.

Did you endeavour to get a pass?—No. I did not know it was necessary. I have never been to Canton.

Is it the usual way to go by road?—There was no train service.

Did you enquire?—No.

What made you go to the ground at the Po Hing Theatre?—I heard all the people were going to Canton.

Mr. Shenton: Why told you to leave your employment?—Nobody in particular. I had heard that every one would be required to leave the service.

Did you hear it at Mr. Wilton's house?—Yes.

Somebody came and told all the servants they would have to come out?—Somebody passed by the house and told us to leave.

You did not want to leave your employment?—No, certainly not.

You were told if you didn't leave you would be killed?—Yes.

And that your families, up country, would be attacked?—No; we were not told that.

Why did you go to Yaumati?—Because I had already left and I went there to see my friends.

Why did you pick out this friend at the Kwong Wah Hospital?—Because there was plenty of room in the Chinese quarters there.

When you got over to the Kwong Wah Hospital was there any body else there?—No.

The Coroner: Did the staff of the Kwong Wah Hospital go on strike?

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